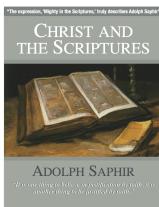


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“The LORD JESUS CHRIST
be with thy spirit. Grace be
with you. Amen.”

(2 TIMOTHY 4:22)



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Conference Schedule

Friday, February 16th, 7:00 pm (meal served)
Saturday, February 17th, 6:00 pm (no meal served)
Sunday, February 18th, 7:00 pm (meal served)

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Men's Breakfast

Saturday morning, February 17th @ 9 am

This week's Sunday evening podcast will be from **PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER**

JOHN 12:20-33 — ALL WILL BE DRAWN TO CHRIST (10-23-1992)

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SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH — GOSPEL CONFERENCE

FEB 16TH @ 7 PM | FEB 17TH @ 9 AM (MEN'S BREAKFAST), 6 PM | FEB 18TH @ 10 AM

PASTOR DONNIE BELL, & PASTOR DAVID PLEDGER

ASHAMED – NOT ASHAMED

“...WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH ON HIM SHALL NOT BE ASHAMED”

(ROMANS 10:11)

In my life I have done more things to be ashamed of than can be numbered; every sin I have committed is cause for shame.

Do I feel the shame I should? No. My greatest shame is that sometimes I feel no shame at all. How often have I brought shame on others, on my family, on the church, on some of my dear brethren? But, and I bless God for this, there is something I will never be ashamed of. I will not be ashamed of the gospel, for that is where God reveals his righteousness, his righteousness as God, and the way he makes sinners righteous by the substitutionary satisfying death of his Son.

This gospel is the power of God that brings faith and turns a soul against himself to trust the Lord Jesus alone. Because of this gospel I will never be brought to shame before God almighty at the judgment. The word of God plainly says; *“whosoever believes on him shall not be ashamed”* (ROMANS 10:11).

We believe Christ is the end of the law for righteousness, we believe this in our hearts; now who is he that condemns us? It is God who justifies, it

is Christ who died, who rose again and now intercedes for us. How can we be ashamed or brought to shame before the throne of judgment?

One of the most blessed and amazing truths is that God is not ashamed to be called our God [HEBREWS 11:16]. Yesterday God was not ashamed to be called our God, [not] at this very moment, not tomorrow, nor throughout eternity will He be ashamed to be called our God. He is the Lord and He changes not [MALACHI 3:6].

One more blessed truth is that Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren [HEBREWS 2:11]. He died to save us, lives to keep us, and will come again to take us to where He is.

We know that when we see Him as He is that we shall be like Him and when that blessed day comes we will never do another shameful act or have another shameful thought, because, sin will be no more and when it is gone forever, so is shame.

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“WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”

“WHEN HIS DISCIPLES HEARD IT, THEY WERE EXCEEDINGLY AMAZED, SAYING, WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED? BUT JESUS BEHELD THEM, AND SAID UNTO THEM, WITH MEN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE; BUT WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.” (MATT. 19:25-26)

In Luke 11 the Lord Jesus told a parable of the unclean spirit going out of a man, and then returned bringing seven other spirits more wicked than him. He then said: *“the last state of that man is worse than the first”* (MATTHEW 12:45, LUKE 11:26). His state is worse, but [is] that man [beyond] the saving power of Christ?

Thank God, Christ is able to save even those in the worst state: *“with God ALL THINGS are possible”* (MATTHEW 19:26, MARK 10:27). We read of *“Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven devils”* (MARK 16:9). Then we are told of the man of the Gadarenes out of whom He cast a legion (maybe a thousand) of devils [LUKE 8:30-39].

The *“Gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth”* (ROMANS 1:16). In this day of apostasy when many have turned aside unto fables, let us boldly declare God’s truth. God is still the sovereign Lord God, who chose a people in Christ before the foundation of the world to salvation [2 TIMOTHY 1:9, EPHESIANS 1:3-7]. The Lord Jesus Christ is still the Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep. The Holy Spirit is still using the Gospel in saving chosen sinners: *“with God all things are possible.”*

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“REJOICE IN THEE”

“WILT THOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN: THAT THY PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN THEE?” (PSA 85:6)

When the religious world talks about revival they mean an emotional series of meetings that will win souls and get backslidden church members to rededicate their lives to an impotent Jesus. But the psalmist prays and asks the Lord; *“Wilt thou not revive us again?”*

I believe we desperately need for God to revive us...to stir up our hearts...to awaken us out of our stupor. To keep us from just going through the motions when we meet together...to please not let us be mechanical in our services. O God revive us...save us from our presumptions of “we must be alright, after all we have the right doctrine, we have a preacher and a good building to meet in, we know we are sinners and Christ is the only Saviour...so we are all fine.”

Will you please cause our hearts to burn within us for Love for our Lord Jesus? Will you please teach us to pray from our hearts? Will you please give us a burden for the word of the Lord? Would please wean us from the world...from self-seeking...from materialism...wanting to be recognized...and from our vain glory?

O Lord revive us—give us the Spirit that quickens us when we meet...that will keep our minds from wandering...and worrying about things that in the end don’t matter. Will you revive us so that our relationship with you and the Son of your love will mean more to us than anything else in this world?

Then we will truly *“rejoice in thee”* (PSALM 85:6).

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“FEAR THOU NOT...FEAR NOT...FEAR NOT”

“FEAR THOU NOT; FOR I AM WITH THEE...I WILL HELP THEE...FEAR NOT; I WILL HELP THEE...FEAR NOT, THOU WORM JACOB...I WILL HELP THEE” [ISA 41:10-14]

Three times in the above verses God says to His people, *“Fear not!”* Each time that He tells us not to fear, He also says: *“I will help thee.”* In Psalm 89:19 we read, *“I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.”* This One that is mighty and yet chosen out of the people can only be the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the mighty God, and yet He is man. The great mystery of godliness is *“God was manifest in the flesh.”* (1 TIMOTHY 3:16). He is the only one that God has laid help upon for sinners. He paid the debt of those who trust in Him, who by nature are bankrupt with nothing to pay. Our debt was one of obedience as well as satisfaction and He paid it all. Consider the words of the hymn writer, Isaac Watts.

“Till God in human flesh I see, My thoughts no comfort find; The holy, just, and sacred Three Are terrors to my mind. But if Immanuel’s face appear, My hope, my joy begins; His name forbids my slavish fear, His grace removes my sins.”

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